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TAGS: ENRG VE

SUBJECT: SUPERIOR OIL CASE

REF: CARACAS 6083, CARACAS 4318, CARACAS 5853

1. SOLICITOR GENERAL OF VENEZUELA MARCH 28, NOTING THAT SUPERIOR OIL OF CALIFORNIA HAD NOT DEPOSITED BS 400 MILLION WHICH VENEZUELA CLAIMS IS OWED IN BACK TAXES, ORDERED LAWYERS PROSECUTING CASE TO ASK VENEZUELAN COURTS TO ATTACHE COMPANY'S ASSETS. THIS REPRESENTS FOLLOW- THROUGH ON ACTION SOLICITOR GENERAL EARLIER SAID HE WOULD TAKE.
2. SINCE COMPANY HAS NO ASSETS IN VENEZUELA, GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THROUGH U. S. COURTS. BECAUSE AMERICAN LAW REQUIRES THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZE AMERICAN COURTS TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT OF FOREIGN TRIBUNALS, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL SAYS, HE WILL ASK VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO TAKE NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC STEPS.
3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT SUPERIOR OIL OF CALIFORNIA SOLD ITS ASSETS HERE TO TEXACO SOME YEARS AGO. THE THEN GOVERNMENT, ACCION DEMOCRATICA, WAS AWARE OF THE TRANSACTION AND DID NOT CLAIM THAT ANY TAXES WERE DUE ON IT.

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4. WHEN ASKED YESTERDAY IF VENEZUELA WOULD PROCEED AGAINST  
TEXACO IF UNABLE TO COLLECT FROM SUPERIOR, SOLICITOR  
GENERAL REPORTEDLY DENIED ANY SUCH INTENTION.  
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